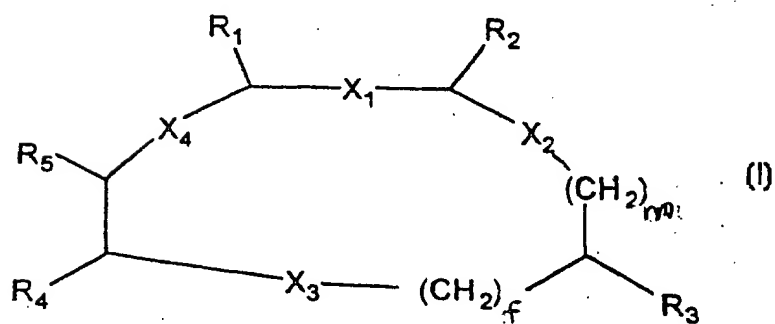
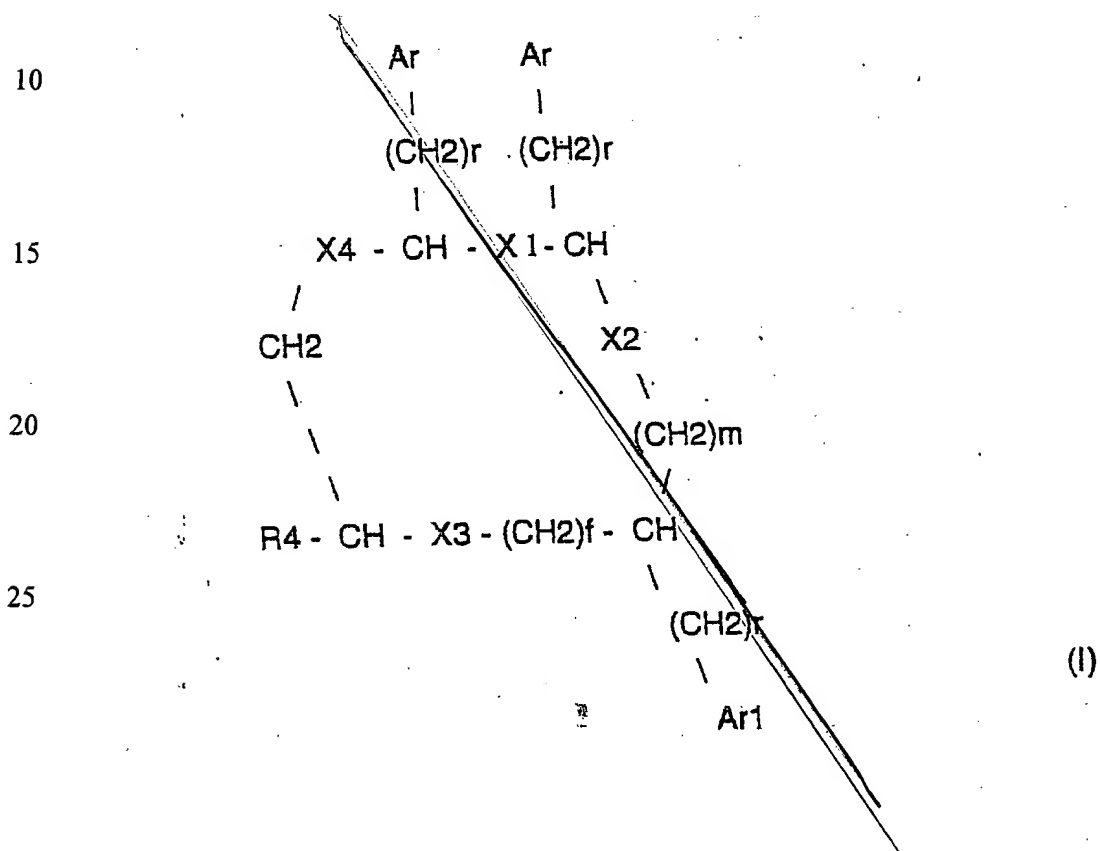


In response to the Office Action of April 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

5 Page 1, structural formula:



IN THE SPECIFICATION (Continued)

On page 1, line 29-32 to page 1a, line 2:

5 $-(CH_2)_r Ar_r$ where r is 0, 1 or 2 and Ar_r is an aromatic group chosen among: benzene, naphthalene, thiophene, benzothiophene, pyridine, quinoline, indole, furan, benzofuran, thiazole, benzothiazole, imidazole, benzoimidazole, possibly substituted with up to 2 groups chosen among: C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} haloalkyl, C_{1-3} alkyloxy and C_{2-4} amino-alkyloxy, halogens, OH, NH_2 , NR_6R_7 , where R_6 and R_7 are the same or different and are H or C_{1-3} alkyl.

10 d) on page 2, lines 2-12:

R_9 is a methanesulfonyl, tosyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl possible mono or di-substituted by oxygen on the S atom, piperidyl possibly optionally substituted on the N atom by a C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} acyl, aminosulfonyl, methanesulfonyl; or a group $(CH_2)_g R_{10}$ where g is 1, 2, or 3 and R_{10} is chosen among morpholine, furan, or CN; or R_8 and R_9 together with the N atom to which they are
15 linked form a piperazine possibly optionally substituted at the other N atom ~~one of its nitrogen atoms~~ by C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} acyl or methanesulfonyl;

g and h) on page 5, lines 15-16:

R_9 is a group chosen among: 4-tetrahydropyranyl, ~~4-tetraiodothiopyranyl~~
20 4-tetrahydrothiopyranyl, ~~1-oxotetraiodothiopyran-4-yl~~ 1-oxotetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl,
1,1 dioxo-tetrahydrothiopyran-4-yl, N-methyl-4-piperidinyl,
N-methanesulfonyl-4-piperidinyl, N-aminosulfonyl-4-piperidinyl, or R_8 and R_9 together with the N atom to which they are linked represent N-methyl-piperazinyl, N-acetyl-piperazinyl, piperazinyl, N-methanesulfonyl-piperazinyl.

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